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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KAZUSHI SATO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: EDWARD PARK
SERIAL NO: 10/501,714 :
FILED: MARCH 2, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2624
FOR: IMAGE INFORMATION :
ENCODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
INFORMATION ENCODING METHOD,
AND IMAGE INFORMATION
DECODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
INFORMATION DECODING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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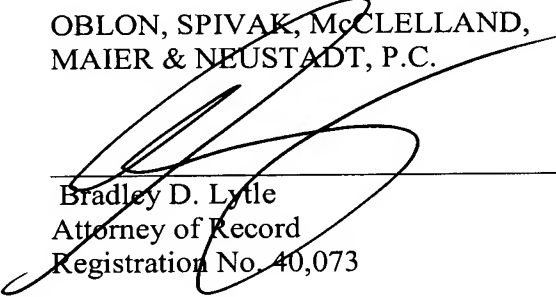
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 21, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse, the invention of Group I (Claims 1-10), drawn to encoding an input image signal utilizing an interframe encoding image. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of the claims of Group I is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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